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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment (7 pages), Appendix (1 page), and Exhibit 1 in the above-identified application. Also enclosed are:

- ☐ A Request for ____-Month Extension of Time.
- ☒ Applicants claim small entity status. (See 37 CFR 1.27.)
- ☒ A self-addressed, prepaid postcard for acknowledging receipt.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					See fee Schedule	\$0
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TOTAL						\$0

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- [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 14-1138 in the amount of \$_____
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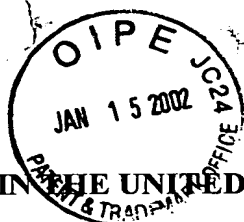
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the March 23, 2001, office action, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~8~~9 and ~~4~~1 without prejudice and amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A combinatorial library which exists at equilibrium in an aqueous solution or suspension including one or more metal atoms or metal ions and a group of three or more non-biopolymer ligands each of which comprises (i) at least one functional group capable of bonding to the metal atom or metal ion and (ii) a recognition element capable of binding a biological receptor, the combinatorial library comprising:

a plurality of at least six different complexes in the aqueous solution or suspension, each of the plurality of at least six different complexes being formed of a metal atom or metal ion and at least two non-biopolymer ligands, wherein each of the at least two non-biopolymer ligands is reversibly bonded through the at least one functional group thereof to the metal atom or metal ion by a labile coordinate bond and wherein each different complex in said library has different ligands bonded to the metal atom or metal ion.